

Attachment G: Proposed amendment to the *International Aquatic Animal Health Code*

SECTION 1 . 4 .

IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

CHAPTER 1 . 4 . 4 .

ZONING

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Article 1.4.4.4.

Recognition of disease free zones

Countries wishing to obtain recognition of a disease free zone must comply with the provision of the *Manual* chapter on Requirements for surveillance for international recognition of freedom from infection [demonstrate that they have a reliable system of disease control and surveillance, that the *disease* is compulsorily *notifiable*, and that they have an effective organisation for disease control in *aquaculture establishments* (i.e. generally not possible in wild aquatic animal populations)]. The *Competent Authority* must accurately specify the delineations of the zone, describe how the boundaries are controlled, and supply further information about additional measures that have been taken, covering such aspects as control of aquatic animal movements, etc.

Countries that fulfil these conditions can submit the documented evidence of their status to the OIE with a request to be included in the relevant OIE list.